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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99, Applicants herewith submit form PTO-1449 which lists references cited in the International Search Report (ISR) dated November 21, 2000 for the present application and of which Applicants are aware. An English translation of the German language document is not readily available. The Examiner is alerted to the fact that each was cited in the International Search Report which is included herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the U.S. patents called to the Examiner's attention herein, Applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

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Applicants request that the Examiner independently determine those items which the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

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